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REMINISCENCES FROM THE SHPO—JIM GARRISON

We celebrate our 25th anniversary with a brand new look to our newsletter and a quick look back by our esteemed SHPO.

On December 9, 1985, the first meeting of the Governor's Archaeological Advisory Commission (GAAC) met and elected Charles Redman, Ph.D. professor of anthropology at Arizona State University, as chair. At its June 5, 1986 meeting, the Commission formally approved the establishment of the Arizona Site Steward Program and on October first, the thirteen original



site stewards met with commission members to organize the program. By the end of 1988 the program had 17 regional coordinators, 182 active volunteer site stewards and a volunteer statewide coordinator, Dr. Jack Bashaw.

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25th ANNIVERSARY 1986-2011

We've rebranded our logo in honor of our 25th anniversary. Jim Garrison has redesigned the central logo to make the ruins sharper and taken away the outer rings to give it a more modern feel. We've added for this year only the 25th anniversary dates and our new motto: Saving Our Sites, Preserving Our Past in a circle to complete the look. It will be going on all our letterhead for the upcoming year.



New application brochures are being printed and should be out to the RCs by the first week in June. Above is a sample photograph from the new brochure.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S PEN

Happy 25th Anniversary everyone! In honor of our silver anniversary we are planning a yearlong celebration of programs and events culminating in next year's Site Steward Conference at Homolovi, the first site in the Site Steward Program. This will also kick off our centennial celebration so it's an excellent chance to promote our state's colorful history.

We ran through our first batch of t-shirts but don't fret if you have not yet received one we will be getting more by mid-June. Let your RC know if you want one.

Our main project is a small book on the accomplishments of the stewards over the last 25 years. If you were one of the original stewards from the late 80s or early 90s, give me a call so that we can record your memories of the early days of the program.

Also, during the next year we will expand on the history of the Site Stewards covering a different decade in every Program Managers Pen.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone at kmclean@azstateparks.gov or 602) 542-7389.

Reminiscences from the SHPO cont.

For me knowledge of the program was non-existent until I returned to the SHPO in November of 1990. My interaction with the program paralleled my learning about computers. Jack Bashaw would come into the office every three months to compile program statistics on a Basic Mac set up in the SHPO hallway. Using an ancient excel program, Jack, a retired physician, would spend hour after hour entering data. Jack's knowledge of computers was as foreign to him as it was to me. Let's just say a lot of swearing echoed throughout SHPO hallways compiling those early reports. We soon realized a paid program coordinator was the way to go and best for both SHPO and Jack.

Mary Estes to the rescue! Seldom does a new program mesh with the skills, personality and commitment of its first full time coordinator like the Arizona Site Steward Program. The success of any program depends on advisors, participants (agencies and volunteers) and funding but without Mary's day to day efforts in promoting, training, tracking and recognition the work of the Site Stewards Program could not have matured and grown as quickly and professionally as it did through the 1990s.

By the year 2000 the program had grown from 13 participants to 750 site stewards. Not that Mary didn't have help, in the early years Deputy SHPO, Teresa Hoffman, was a key advisor to the program followed by archaeologist and public programs coordinator Ann Howard and Deputy SHPO, Carol Griffith. These individuals interfaced with the program partner federal, state and local agencies and with the professional archaeologists in those agencies. Just keeping up with the intergovernmental agreements let alone the crisis issues kept everyone involved very busy over the years.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone had a great time at the Site Steward Conference at Catalina State Park. For those of you who weren't able to make it, the conference kicked off our 25th year. Silver anniversary t-shirts were handed out in honor of the event. We will be ordering more in the near future and mailing them to the RC 's to hand out.

We were fortunate to have Gary Cantley from BIA, Erick Laurila from SHPO, and Allen Dart from Old Pueblo Archaeology Center as guest speakers. They spoke on crime scene investigations, GPS/GIS, and pottery identification, respectively.

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Now, for the important news, who won the Site Steward awards? As always, we had a wonderful slate of candidates. It was quite difficult to choose. However, the winners are:

Land Manager of the Year: Adrienne Rankin, Ajo

R. C. of the Year: Jenny Anderson, Lake Havasu

Asst R.C. of the Year: Kaitlin Meadows, Tucson

Reg Support Steward: Christine Stephenson, Flagstaff

Site Steward of the year: Linda Davis, Ajo

New Site Steward of the Year: Ed & Joline Northup, Ajo

Thief of Time Award: Mike Foley, Tucson

Appreciation Award: Steve Phillips, Tucson

Angle Award: Ann Marie Wolf, Tucson

Dwight Riggs Memorial Mentoring Award: Mary Yates, North Eastern

The Dwight D Riggs Memorial Mentoring Award is a new award that goes to the non-RC mentor who has gone above board for their fellow stewards. It is named in honor of former steward Dwight Riggs who passed away a few years back in the desert that he so loved to explore. Many in the Tucson region remember him for his mentoring them through their first year in the program. Mary Yates, the first winner of the award, is posed at right with the plaque

Congratulation to all the winners and thank you once again for all your hard work!

On a more serious note, Ruth Williams has had to resign her position as administrative site steward in the Phoenix Office due to family obligations.

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One other person of note is Gary Peete, a volunteer that took over entering all the paper records into the electronic tracking system. For over 18 years Gary was a critical link in documenting the success of the program and providing the agencies with program data and statistics. Gary had no idea that entering data from a few dozen stewards was going to lead to tracking the time and place records of 800 volunteers. Without his singular commitment the feedback loop and proof of program effort would be only rumor and hearsay.

Over the years the program has been given many awards by many organizations and agencies including the Conservation Law Enforcement Association, the National Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. In 2005 the program received an Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management from the Society for American Archaeology and a National Preservation Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Between the serious moments overseeing the program there were a few humorous events, maybe more humorous now than at the time. I remember an early awards dinner in Marana where the room was so crowded that Dr. Thompson, Director of the State Museum ended up running around the room passing out over 80 service awards. I remember Mary returning to work one day with shattered pieces of a portable

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Long-time regional coordinator for the Sedona region, Sherman Loy passed away this week. Sherman had been with our program since 1995. A member of an early pioneer family in Arizona, Sherman had a keen interest in the history and archaeology of the region. The amazing thing about Sherman was that despite his age (he was our oldest regional coordinator and one of the oldest still active stewards) he was still able to hike the red rocks that he loved so much. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

GAAC has announced the winners for the 2011 Site Steward of the Year Award. The McPeeks from the Arizona Strip won after being nominated by their land manager, the BLM.

Cherie Freman won the Avocational Archaeologist of the



Year Award. An account for the Site Stewards has been set up in her honor at the Arizona State Parks Foundation for anyone who would like to donate.

Congratulations to Cherie, Lesley, & Roger.

REGIONAL NEWS

AZ STRIP REGION

After the long, wet winter, site stewards in Region 20 have been busy visiting their sites on the Arizona Strip. Classroom training in March, followed by an April training field trip, also added a new group of enthusiastic volunteers. Despite budget cutbacks, we continue to have a strong and vital program and thank the land managers for their support.

Roger & Lesley McPeck
Co-RCs District 20

CENTRAL REGION

The Central Region has seen an increase this spring in professional pot hunting in the Tonto National Forest area. On the bright side, coverage is up for some of the remote areas. Greg has rebuilt most of the site kits. We had a great time at the revitalization meeting on April 9th at the White Tank Parks and look forward to hosting another revitalization event for all the Maricopa/Pinal county regions at Adamsville and Pueblo Grande in the fall.

Kristen McLean & Greg Davies
Co-RCs District 09A

HAVASU REGION

Mississippi Springs is a site located about 100 miles from our starting point at the Havasu Regional BLM Field Office (about half that as the crow flies!). The site is located at the edge of the Rawhide Wilderness area northwest of Alamo Lake. It is in a very remote, beautiful, and rugged area. We started on our annual pilgrimage to check conditions of the two sites in Mississippi Canyon: the 1940's wood- framed 3-room McGuffie cabin, associated with the McGuffie Mine, and a series of rare (for our area) pictographs about 300 m. lower in the canyon. The cabin is gradually falling into disrepair and may soon be structurally unsafe. Venice McGuffie lived here at 90 years old until the early 1980's. She had to drive 60 miles to the nearest gas station in an old 4x4 truck. We park ½ mile further up the canyon due to the steep, rocky trail! It is even a bit difficult to hike. The cabin has a stone wall, a fireplace with art-deco tiles, and had water piped from the dam upstream. The dam was built "upstream" above the cabin to store a constant water supply. The pictographs in the lower canyon include prehistoric anthropomorphic figures, handprints (negative & positive), and geometric designs---all somewhat protected from the elements by the sloping overhang of the canyon wall. The site is very interesting and worth a day's journey to make a visit!

Jenny Anderson
RC



Photo of Region 19/22 Stewards with Archaeologist Sandra Arazi Coombs on recording project this spring.

HOMOLOVI/NORTHEASTERN AZ REGIONS

Artifact scatter identification, inventory and dating, site boundary determination, mapping of roomblocks and other features, are some of the hands-on education being experienced by our Region's Stewards.

Region 16/19 Site Stewards are working with, and under the direction of Lakeside Ranger District archaeologist, Sandra Arazi-Coombs, and Forest Service archaeologist, S. Andrew Wakefield on a project to record two newly discovered sites. These sites are located very close to an ancient pueblo currently being monitored by our Region.

Evidence of recent looting at one of the new sites has emphasized the need to get them recorded and into our Region's inventory in order to provide adequate monitoring.

On April 30th, 2011, ten Site Stewards accompanied the archaeologists to record site #1, a medium sized pueblo featuring roomblocks constructed out of vesicular basalt material, a square kiva, and an unusual terrace-like area below the main roomblock. Information gathered thus far suggests that this is probably a Pueblo III/Linden period site belonging to the Mogollon archaeological culture. The site proved to be larger and more complex than anticipated and will require further time to complete. The crew, however, managed to complete everything except the mapping of the main roomblock area.

Archaeologist Arazi-Coombs, estimated it would take several more hours to complete the map and a date was set to finish this part of the recording.

Recording of site #2, a smaller site located about a quarter of a mile from site #1, will start immediately after the completion of the first site with a goal of completing the entire project by mid-May, 2011.

We want to recognize and thank archaeologist Sandra Arazi-Coombs and Forest Service archaeologist, S. Andrew Wakefield for volunteering to direct this recording project on their own time. Their enthusiasm and support for our Region and the Site Steward Program is sincerely appreciated.

Jo Ann Weldon
RC DISTRICTS 16/19

PAYSON REGION

The Payson Region is in transition, after the resignation of long-term R.C., David Shank. We are grateful to David for his many years of service and assistance to the new RC team.

The Payson team consists of Chris Tetzloff as Regional Coordinator, Wayne Donnay as Assistant RC, and John "Doc" Holiday as Assistant RC/Recorder.

We have a meeting planned with all current site stewards for May 15, which will be held at the home of Claire Wojcik and Terry Hennessey in Payson. It has been quite awhile since we have gotten together, so we will be planning activities and trainings, to get to know each other.

We will also discuss how to welcome and mentor the new site stewards, who will be trained in Payson on June 11. Scott Wood, the Tonto Archeologist, will be assisting in the field portion of our training, with a visit to Rye Creek Ruins. Chris and Wayne had a successful visit to the Rim Country Archeology meeting on April 16, with several recruits from there, along with contacts from our hiking groups. We are looking forward to seeing new sites and covering the Roosevelt area more.

Any stewards who frequent the lake and are interested in covering nearby sites should contact Chris Tetzloff at lccogoff@msn.com.

Chris Tetzloff
RC District 14

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lectern that had fallen out of a pick-up truck onto the highway. I remember site stewards returning late from a field visit and missing the awards luncheon. And I remember several people getting lost in the Western desert trying to find one of Mary's award venues.

The greatest reward of the program for me is the spirit and dedication of each of you who volunteer. Never have I seen an organization that succeeds on word-of-mouth promotion and on the grass roots interest of its volunteers. I thank you for your service and promise we will continue to support your efforts. Happy 25th Birthday!

Jim Garrison--SHPO

SAVING OUR SITES--PRESERVING OUR PAST

Site Steward Conference Album--Happy 25th Anniversary



Jenny Anderson, Lake Havasu Region, is RC of the Year



Ed & Julie Northup receive New Site Stewards of the Year



Our 25th anniversary shirt being modeled by a brave site steward!



Robin Kutherjora receiving the Appreciation Award on behalf of Steve Phillips

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Sandy Martynec, RC Ajo, accepts the Site Steward of the Year Award on behalf of Linda Davis.



Carol Griffin presents angel award to Ann-Marie Wolf.



Carol Griffin presents the new Dwight A Riggs Memorial Mentoring Award to Mary Yates from the Northeastern Region.



Donna Tang, Tucson, accepts the Asst. RC Award on behalf of Kaitlin Meadows.

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Carol presents the Thief of Time Award to Mike Foley of Tucson



Adrianne Rankin receiving the Land Manager of the Year Award from Carol and our youngest site steward



Above: The silent auction raised \$750.00. A sherd from Indian Town field trip at left.



The El Con staff treated us to fabulous chicken and grilled vegetable pasta along with fresh strawberry shortcake. Yumm!

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